

Re: Docket # 98N-1038, food irradiation

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am concerned ~~to hear that~~ ^{58 to hear that} you are considering changing or removing the labeling requirements for foods with irradiated ingredients.

Making informed choices about what I eat is important to me, and to many other Americans. Labeling foods as "electronically pasteurized" when they are really irradiated is dishonest and misleading, since irradiation may change the taste and nutritional qualities of food. Labels should be large and prominent, and should include the word "irradiated".

Because this technology is new, and we don't know the long-term effects of eating irradiated food, the FDA labeling requirement must not be allowed to expire.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sincerely, Rachel Cohen

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